

The Day After the Palindrome

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We're back with some great new items for February after a jam-packed and rather quick month of January; as such, a bit more of a brief newsletter than normal for this month. The big game was yesterday, and rather than pulling for the offense of the Chiefs or getting behind the defense of the Niners, maybe instead you were tuned in to the cuteness of the puppy bowl. If so, we have a great dog-related medal in stock, very similar to one which we have had in the past...



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February is also Black History Month and, of particular interest, a group of trade tokens from Great Britain illustrates the heated fight for the abolition of slavery in the late 18th century. Though the goal was not quickly achieved, it did occur step-by-step over time, first in Great Britain and then in the United States. There are still enormous steps to be taken in righting this wrong, but numismatic reminders such as this token contextualize the longstanding inequalities...



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Finally, since our last newsletter, we've seen an intense—and fairly unforced—showdown with Iran. Though cooler heads seem to have eventually prevailed, it does serve as a reminder of how close we can come to unnecessary conflict and all of the evils which it ushers in. One need only to look back a century to the first World War and the numismatic legacy left in its path for these somber reminders. There are no less than six items in this month's upload relating to the "war to end all wars," with two of them highlighted below—the first of which is a uniface plaque featuring Medusa as the very head of war, the swords behind her attempting to sever her presence and end her menace...



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The second alludes to the Four Horseman of the Apocalypse, and all of the death and destruction accompanying them. In this medal, they ghastly ride across Europe, plunging not just the continent but the entire world into the grips of chaos...

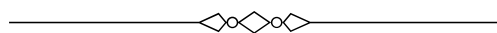


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In addition to these moving pieces, we have, as mentioned, more medals relating to World War I, another example of the popular Nitroglycerin Corp. 75th Anniversary medals, a group of types relating to the Columbian Expo, a couple Admiral Vernon medals, a few representations from the Society of Medalists, and a couple other pleasing types...



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Lastly, be on the lookout for another installment of love tokens, as we will have a cultivated group of 20 interesting types appearing on the site just in time for Valentine's Day at the end of next week.

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